

Long Term Plan 2024-2034

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Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Peter Wells, Rural and Commercial Landowner

My proposed rural rate increase is 30% and my commercial properties 29%. These proposals are excessive and need to be reduced.

A 77% reduction in the UAG, leading to a 27% increase in the general rate, is a major shift in the ratepayer base with no data to support the change, just stating that it is fairer, an unmeasurable comment.

The River Schemes and Drainage Schemes are being apportioned more cost, and less revenue with no consultation through their recognized channels. This is just before a major review of these schemes. This is an unacceptable proposal for schemes that have served their community for decades and disrespect the people and the detailed processes that have led to these current funding models.

Executive Summary

- Leave investment revenue offsetting the general rate. Perceived fairness is not a reason for the proposed change that reduces the UAG by 77% and increases the general rate by 22%
- Leave drainage schemes funding differentials unchanged and assess through the infrastructure review with proper consultation. No data has been provided to justify the change of rating, only assumption.
- Assess the increased insurance cover for river and drainage schemes on a scheme-by-scheme basis consulting through established liaison committees and scheme AGM process. Most river and drainage schemes haven't had meetings or financials for over 2 years, which is unacceptable on its own.
- Do not move insurance from corporate to river and drainage schemes with the weak justification of better-focusing staff and increasing the likelihood of delivering the capital program.

1. Revenue and Financing Policy: Moving investment income to offset UAG

- A 77% reduction in the UAG and a 27% increase in the general rate is a significant policy funding change with only minimal consultation through LTP. Unacceptable process for a change this big!
- I can only find 2 justifications for the change in the LTP document.

- Fairness. I am not aware of a stated parameter that justifies what is fair. The investments that return this income won't have been funded by the UAG but will have been funded by the general rate.
- UAG % of total rates. The UAG under the old model was still under its allowable percentage of 30% so there is no reason to change something that meets its parameter, even though it is close.
- Chairperson Rachel Keedwell indicated at a public meeting that some on the council want to help lower-income ratepayers in our current cost-of-living crisis and this was the reason for the change. Whilst this is admirable, and the council does have a social role you also have an economic role so a move this big is not justifiable on that basis.

2. Drainage Schemes Proposed Rating Differential Change from 20% General Rate to 10%

The proposed rating change assumes that 90% of the benefit of these schemes is with the landowners, not 80%.

- There is no data provided to support this, and this disrespects the people processes and consultations which has led to the 80% 20% differential.
- There has been no direct consultation with the scheme's ratepayers or committees. There is a path to consult directly as all schemes have liaison committees made up of elected ratepayers.
- The last time scheme differentials were changed was in 2007. A detailed discussion document was written, and a proper consultation process was held.
- There is an existing process that could have been used consult to these schemes through AGMs and elected liaison group committee meetings. However, these meetings have occurred since 2022 which is unacceptable.
- A major infrastructure review is proposed. It seems sensible and respectful to wait for the outcomes of the review to assess rating differential changes.
- The land area included in the Manawatu Drainage Scheme takes floodwater in a 25-year event to save Palmerston North City which enjoys 500 protections. Palmerston North City only pays for this protection through the 20% rating differential.
- Palmerston North City receives 500 years of protection from the Lower Manawatu River Scheme. A \$2m property in the city pays \$169 for this protection whilst a \$2m rural property pays \$559. 71% more and nothing toward the drainage scheme where their floodwater is diverted to.
- Palmerston North City's footprint is extending into the rural area like the recent subdivision consents issued around Whisky Creek in the Cloverlea area. Water

from this subdivision drains into Whiskey Creek which runs through my farm. Concreted area versus farmland will put more water more quickly into Whisky Creek, diminishing the effectiveness of my drainage system, but the city will pay nothing towards it.

Get ALL the DATA to justify the rating change before you propose it, don't assume.

3. Increasing Insurance Cover Schemes

- Assess on a scheme-by-scheme basis.
- There is a process for doing this through Scheme AGM's and liaison committees.
- This constitutes proper consultation.
- The infrastructure review should also help guide this.

4. Moving insurance costs from Corporate to River and Drainage Schemes

- The justification of better-focusing staff and increasing the likelihood of delivering the capital program for this change is an unacceptable reason.
- There will be a historical reason why the insurance cost was split between corporate and schemes.
- It would appear this is an attempt to move the cost of rating from one ratepayer group to another with no data to support it

5. General

The economy is in recession, especially the rural economy. Horizons need to make their expenditures match their income or increase their income to at most match inflation. There needs to be a focus on decreasing costs in these times, not just carrying on as usual and looking to the rating base for more income.

And moving the cost of rates between the rating base to favor one group is not reducing costs.

Summary

A rating increase of 30% for rural and 29% for commercial property is not acceptable. The recurring theme of this submission is there is no data to support changes and consultation has been inadequate.

This LTP process is lazy, proposing significant change, with limited consultation opportunities, and overriding policies that have been historically set by more robust processes. The onus has been put onto the ratepayer to push back on changes, having no input into the proposals. The LTP process run by PNCC puts you to shame!

Throughout this LTP there has been no attempt to gather data or opinions from your river and drainage schemes. You have also failed these schemes by not having AGMs and liaison committee meetings or providing them with finances for 2 years.

These rate-shifting proposals may have long-term consequences. Unsubstantiated rate increases in a cyclic business downturn will likely result in ratepayers making poor decisions when the infrastructure review is consulted by ratepayers making kneejerk decisions, like saying schemes are too expensive and need downsizing when a long-term approach is needed.

I implore you to revisit your proposals as I have outlined and stick with the status quo until you have consulted and have proper data to support your proposals.

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Puka whiriwhiri o te Mahere Roa 2024-34

2024-34

Long-term Plan consultation document

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HAVE
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Have your say! Our consultation document highlights specific areas of our business that we are seeking community feedback on. We also welcome feedback on any other areas of our business and have left space on page 7 for additional comments. The information that supports the consultation document is available at haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz, our service centres and local libraries.

An electronic version of this form can be found at haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz.

Please include your name, main contact phone number, full address, postcode, and email address on the last page of this form, and indicate whether you would like to speak to your submission (in either English, Māori or New Zealand Sign Language) at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Note: submissions are public information and will be published in the resulting Council report which may be made available to media and the general public. Contact details will be kept confidential.

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Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

Our strategic framework outlines our vision, four strategic priorities and six community outcomes which will help us keep our eye on the big picture, especially when planning for the ten years ahead. We welcome your feedback on our strategic framework which has been shared in detail on page 6 of the consultation document.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

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Issue 1: Responding to legislative requirements – level of service for highly productive land

For more information on this topic, refer to page 26 of the consultation document.

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Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

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Option 2 - Council's preferred option

Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

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Option 3

Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).



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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Issue 2: Planning for the future

For more information on this topic, refer to page 29 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

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Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.



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Summarised comments/sentiment:

I support Option 1.



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

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Issue 3a: Updates to our operational areas – increase to river management insurances

For more information on this topic, refer to page 32 and 33 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.


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OPTION

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Option 2

Claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons.

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Option 3

Claim up to \$500 million per event alongside other councils.

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Option 4

No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Issue 3b: Updates to our operational areas – reduced levels of service for freshwater activity

For more information on this topic, refer to page 34 and 35 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Return to pre-Jobs for Nature funding levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.


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Option 2

A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.

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Option 3

A target of 110 kilometres of fencing and 240,000 plants plus two staff members.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

I support Option 1.



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

6 **Issue 3c: Updates to our operational areas – increased levels of service for public transport – Whanganui improvements**

For more information on this topic, refer to page 36 and 37 of the consultation document.



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

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Option 2

Whanganui public transport improvements staged, full implementation by 2028-29.



Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

offering alternatives to just "jumping in the car" must become more attractive to citizens of Whanganui + district + region.

Reducing carbon emissions should be a top priority when planning services + routes. Increasing ridership "by extending services + broadening routes is the way to go."

I would like to be able to catch The Tide in Delhi Ave, Aramoho, then travel to town and back. At the moment the stop near Field St is too far away for me to use the service.

Being able to catch a "Shoppett" bus to Palmerston North + return would be fantastic for older people, students + children + commuters. The highway between Whanganui + Palmerston North is becoming busier + there are hazards as larger truck trailers are frequent users of the route.

7 **New services for Horowhenua**

For more information on this topic, refer to page 38 and 39 of the consultation document.



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.

**PREFERRED
OPTION**



Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

connecting Whanganui with New Plymouth, Marton, Palmerston North, Wairarapa and Wellington.

A rail service is by far, in the long run, most effective way of reducing carbon emissions, avoiding the costs of road maintenance, and improving safety for travellers.



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

8

New and improved regional services

For more information on this topic, refer to page 40 and 41 of the consultation document.



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

New and improved regional services.



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OPTION



Option 2

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

I support Option 1

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Issue 4: Changing fee structure for water meters

For more information on this topic, refer to page 42 and 43 of the consultation document.



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.



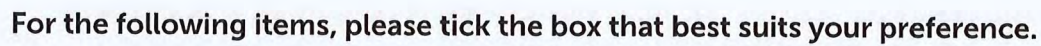
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Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



Revenue and Financing Policy

For more information on this issue, refer to page 47 and 48 of this document and page 247 of the Supporting Information.

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Additional comments:

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Freepost 247615, Horizons Regional Council
Private Bag 11025, Manawātū Mail Centre, Palmerston North
- Or, by dropping it off to one of our service centres in Whanganui, Woodville, Marton and Palmerston North

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Have your say
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Tick preferred speaking session. We will be in touch to confirm your time.

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☐ Whanganui - 29 April - afternoon (1:15pm - 3:15pm, in person only)

☐ Palmerston North - 1 May (1:00pm - 8:00pm) ☐ speak to my submission in-person ☐ by Zoom

☐ Palmerston North - 2 May (9:30am - 12:30pm) ☐ speak to my submission in-person ☐ by Zoom

☐ Palmerston North - 2 May (1:15pm - 5:00pm) ☐ speak to my submission in-person ☐ by Zoom

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☐ English ☐ Māori ☐ New Zealand Sign Language

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I do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation.

I believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.

I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

I do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

The LTP has significant rating changes proposed, shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another. I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

I do not believe the short consultation period as required by the LTP is a sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.

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Coralie Sanson

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34
 Submitter: Genevieve Nicholls (Rural Landowner)

Our farm in Taihape has had a 30% rate increase over the last three years (on top of increase farm costs and low prices for wool/meat). The District Council are proposing a further increase in rates of approximately 30% in the next three years. Horizons are now proposing to move the cost of rates between the rating base to favor one group. This proposed change could increase our costs by yet another 30%.

Sheep and Beef farming is barely profitable and we can not sustain these increases. The economy is in recession (especially the rural sector). The focus should be on decreasing costs at the moment (cut all unessential spending). I feel you should not be looking at the rating base to find more income, and moving the cost of rates between rating groups in favor of one group is not reducing costs.

I would also like to see more public consultation and information/data regarding why you have proposed these changes.

Thank you

Genevieve Nicholls

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Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter: Collis farms LTD

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Submission points:

- **Leave Horizons commercial income offsetting the general rate, not change to offsetting the UAG.**
- **Leave drainage scheme differentials the same 80% scheme, 20 general rates until the infrastructure scheme reviews are carried out next year.**
- **Assess insurance increases on a scheme-by-scheme basis through liaison committees and AGMs and leave the current insurance % with corporate instead of loading all onto river and drainage schemes.**
- **We would personally like to be involved in any proposed changes made now or in the future that effects land owners.**

Sincerely,

Matthew Collis

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Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

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Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

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We need to stop the spread of lifestyle blocks taking out good farming land around our cities and towns.

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I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

I do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

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Q20 Your name

Short Text

Geoffrey Sanson

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Glenloch Farm

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

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Q24 Email address

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Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Geoffrey Sanson

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31 File upload

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Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q16	Which option do you prefer?
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Long Text	
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Michelle Knight
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
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Q24	Email address
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Q26	E-signature
Short Text	Michelle Knight
Q27	I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.
Single Checkbox	
Q28	Tick your preferred speaking session.
Multi Choice	
Q29	How do you want to speak?
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Q30	I will speak in
Multi Choice	
Q31	File upload
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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

We need to stop the spread of lifestyle blocks onto our best land around our towns and cities.

Lifestyle blocks are very wasteful of our most productive land.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

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Q20 Your name

Short Text

Richard Sanson

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Glenloch Farm

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Richard Sanson

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31 File upload

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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

I generally strongly support the plans emphasis on environmental and division wellbeing effort which includes enhancing democratic public participation in planning based on Te Tiriti, enhanced public transport access Waikanae through Otaki Village to Palmerston North, strong water management etc.

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Q3

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Option 1.

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Option 3

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Option 1

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Option 1

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Option 1

Q15

Long Text

Q16	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	
Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	Option 1
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Alistair McKee
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
Short Text	
Q24	Email address
Email	
Q25	Phone number
Telephone	
Q26	E-signature
Short Text	Alistair McKee
Q27	I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.
Single Checkbox	
Q28	Tick your preferred speaking session.
Multi Choice	
Q29	How do you want to speak?
Multi Choice	
Q30	I will speak in
Multi Choice	
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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

We support the Horizons vision of our region - a healthy environment where people are thriving. Our vision for Whanganui, with emphasis on sustainable viable business and economic prosperity supports this. The Business Whanganui Vision - A vibrant healthy prosperous business community that supports Whanganui as a great place to live, work, learn, play, and do business.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 2: Whanganui public transport improvements staged, full implementation by 2028-29.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Effective public transport connections are integral to our ability to attract and retain workers to our region, and for our business in Whanganui to remain viable and sustainable into the future. Transport connections contribute positively to various aspects of business operations and are known to improve productivity, reduce costs, lower environmental impact, and improve customer access.

While our preference would be to see an earlier roll-out, there are many demands on funding currently and a phased approach appears to be the most prudent. We will continue to consult with our member community on this.

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Q14**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option: New and improved regional services.

Q15**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Strengthening regional public transport networks and improving frequency of services, particularly connecting Whanganui to Wellington, will be significant for our businesses and community. Enabling easy and cost effective movement of workers and customers from the wider region to Whanganui - and vice-versa, and attracting and supporting the tech and professional sector remote workers who live in Whanganui and regularly commute to centres like Palmerston North and Wellington. This will also support tourism in Whanganui, as the perfect weekend getaway - without having to drive.

Q16**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Q17**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Q18**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Q19**Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

Q20**Your name**

Short Text

Helen Garner

Q21**Organisation:**

Short Text

Business Whanganui - Chamber of Commerce

Q22**Address**

Short Text

Q23**Postcode**

Short Text

Q24**Email address**

Email

Q25**Phone number**

Telephone

Q26**E-signature**

Short Text

Helen Garner

Q27**I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.**

Single Checkbox

Yes

Q28**Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

Whanganui - 29 April - afternoon: 1.15pm - 3.15pm (in-person only)

Q29 **How do you want to speak?**

Multi Choice

Q30 **I will speak in**

Multi Choice English

Q31 **File upload**

File Upload

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Saddle road residents wish to ensure our submission at Novembers council meeting regarding a Stop bank and gravel extraction is included as a priority in this long term plan, to provide our community protection from being flooded again. Thankyou Jacquie

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Multi Choice

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Q13

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text
Jacquie Hartley

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text
Jacquie Hartley

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Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

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Multi Choice

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

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Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

Q16	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	
Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Fiona Dalgerty
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Rangitikei District Councillor
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
Short Text	
Q24	Email address
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Q25	Phone number
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Q26	E-signature
Short Text	Fiona Dalgerty
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Single Checkbox	
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Multi Choice	
Q29	How do you want to speak?
Multi Choice	
Q30	I will speak in
Multi Choice	
Q31	File upload
File Upload	https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/download_file/443

Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34

Email to submission to haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz

Submitter: **Fiona Dalgety**

Question 1: Strategic Framework

Community Outcomes

Our rates are increasing 20 and 30% in Rural Rangitikei; from changing the rating burden to those with higher capital values will lead to reduced economic activity and councils' long-term ability to fund infrastructure and services leading to a less vibrant community.

Our sheep & beef sector is suffering and the above levels of rating burden are unsustainable. Horizons needs to ensure they do economic impact analysis before changing policy. The pace of change expected is too challenging especially given Central Governments moves to allow more time. You need to take the people with you – they need to understand the intent and the outcomes.

Question 2: level of service for highly productive land

option 3: is to investigate land surrounding all urban areas to stop the spread of lifestyle blocks taking out good farming land

I understand the maps of class 1,2 & 3 land being used and are inconsistent. Please ensure they are accurate.

Question 4: Updates to our operational areas - increase to river management insurance

No change until consulted on a case-by-case basis with the river and drainage schemes committees and ratepayers

Question 5: Updates to operational areas - reduced levels of service for freshwater activity

Option 1: we need to save costs and not have aspirational idealism as our incentive

Question 8: New and improved regional services

Option 2 smaller scale: users should pay and targeted rates, little use by rural ratepayers.

Question 9: Changing fee structure for water meters

No suggestion except to make sure that the money taken should only cover the cost of the direct consent and not include an aspirational slush fund for interpretation and research. This should be funded from the general rate

Question 10: Revenue and Financing Policy

We do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation.

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We do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

We do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out

Question 11: Additional commentary

The LTP has significant rating changes proposed, shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another. We do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

We do not believe the short consultation period as required by the LTP is a sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.

Further I support Peter Well's submission especially regarding the drainage schemes.

Our Powera scheme is vital for protecting SH1, Main Trunk Railwayline and Hunterville Village as such everyone should pay.

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Q2

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.

Q8

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

Q16	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	
Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	See attached.
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Pauline Welch
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Ruapehu District Council
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
Short Text	
Q24	Phone number
Email	
Q25	E-signature
Telephone	Pauline Welch
Q26	I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.
Short Text	Yes
Q27	Tick your preferred speaking session.
Single Checkbox	Whanganui - 29 April - morning: 9.30am - 12.30pm (in-person only)
Q28	Whanganui - 29 April - afternoon: 1.15pm - 3.15pm (in-person only)
Multi Choice	Palmerston North - 1 May - evening: 1pm - 8pm
	Palmerston North - 2 May - morning: 9.30am - 12.30pm
	Palmerston North - 2 May - afternoon: 1.15pm - 5.00pm
	How do you want to speak?
Q29	Via Zoom
Multi Choice	I will speak in
Q30	English
Multi Choice	

Q31

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22 April 2024

To: Horizons Regional Council
Private Bag 11025
Manawatū Mail Centre
Palmerston North 4442

Email: haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz

Subject: **RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCILS SUBMISSION ON THE HORIZONS
REGIONAL COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34**

Submission from: Ruapehu District Council
Private Bag 1001
TAUMARUNUI 3964

Point of Contact: Pauline Welch
**EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Council wishes to speak in support of its submission.

1 OPENING STATEMENT

- 1.1 Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-2034.
- 1.2 Ruapehu District Council (RDC) wishes to encourage Horizons (HRC) to ensure that budgets are spent with the best possible outcomes for all of their communities.

2 SUBMISSION POINTS

- 2.1 While we understand the constraints, it's important to focus on the wellbeing of our communities and look at all the opportunities to build wellbeing and resilience and focus on these. We note that the main issues for funding and where rates have the largest increase are:
- (a) Increased land valuation from re-evaluations that occur once every three years have seen 28% land increases in Ruapehu.
 - (b) Cost of finance - interest on debt has increased from 2% to 6%, directly effecting rate increases.
 - (c) Level of service is remaining at current levels with no increases planned.

2.2 Ruapehu - River & Drainage LTP 2024-2034

- 2.2.1 RDC noted that there is no specific funding in the LTP for River and Drainage work and strongly suggest that HRC look at the importance of adding this activity to the budget. The long-term benefits outweigh the costs and increase the wellbeing of communities by mitigating flooding and other issues with rivers and drainage. For example, this work would cover the removal of weeds, clearing drains and reinstatement of river embankment where erosion has taken place and encroaching on community infrastructure and assets. RDC strongly suggests that the non-completion of this work may result in further negative economic and social impacts to our communities.
- 2.2.2 RDC suggests that 500k total is included in the 2024-2027 LTP over three years for the RDC Scheme.
- (a) 150k year one for planning and resource consents that will/maybe required. This is key.
 - (b) 200k year two for work on the ground.
 - (c) 150k year three for work on the ground.
- 2.2.3 Total 500k for this LTP.

2.3 Other Points

2.3.1 *Issue 1 - Highly Productive Land*

RDC supports Option 2. This targets all districts and towns experiencing growth. RDC can currently identify Ohakune as experiencing growth for this rate.

2.3.2 *Issue 2 - Planning for the Future*

RDC supports Option 1 and supports the integrated catchment management.

2.3.3 *Issue 3a - Increases to River Management Insurances*

RDC supports option 1 – as the region faces increased events due to climate change, insuring our communities is vital.

2.3.4 *Issue 3b - Freshwater Activity*

RDC supports option two, as RDC sees the management of the rivers as important to the district.

2.3.5 Regional Services page 40-41 of the CD

RDC encourages HRC to look at different models to provide public transport to the Ruapehu District. Ruapehu has a rate impact for the Improved Regional Services but has no benefit. HRC needs to offer a service for Ruapehu.

2.3.6 Issue 4 – Water Meters

RDC supports water meters.

3 FINAL STATEMENT

- 3.1 RDC thanks and wishes for HRC to continue to show leadership in Accelerate 25 and other economic development initiatives.
- 3.2 RDC thanks and supports the leadership HRC shows in Climate Change.

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

20 to 40% increase in rates from changing the rating burden to those with higher capital values will lead to reduced economic activity and councils' long-term ability to fund infrastructure and services leading to a less vibrant community. Rates should be using Land value not capital value. Capital value deters people from investing in infrastructure on their property. For example, if I was to put up silos to store grain at a cost of over \$500,000 dollars, this will increase my capital value, which would increase my rates, yet I would have had to borrow that money to build them. Land value is much fairer.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Investigate land surrounding all urban areas to stop the spread of lifestyle blocks taking out good farming land.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Option 4: No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

No change until consulted on a case-by-case basis with the river and drainage schemes committees and ratepayers

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

This is a good plan, if it is funded only by those who are likely to be able to use it. Rural based rate payers that are nowhere near the area or the service does not go anywhere near them should not be paying this rate.

Q14	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)
Q15	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	I do not think there will be the demand for this service in the wider rural areas. Patronage will be low and end up running at a loss.
Q16	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	Option 1 (council's preferred option: Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.
Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	<p>I do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation. This should be on land value, not Capital.</p> <p>I believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.</p> <p>I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.</p> <p>I do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out</p>
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	<p>The LTP has significant rating changes proposed, shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another. I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.</p> <p>I do not believe the short consultation period as required by the LTP is a sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.</p>
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Adrian Noaro
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Noaro Farms Ltd
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
Short Text	
Q24	Email address
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Q25	Phone number
Telephone	

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Adrian Noaro

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31 File upload

File Upload

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Request ID # 163898

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

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Q3

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

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Q4

Multi Choice

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Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.

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Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

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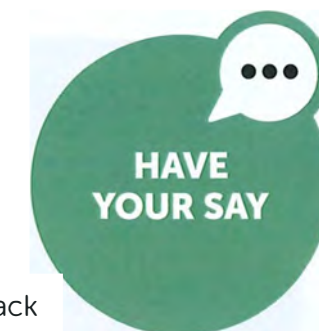


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Have your say
and let us know if
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Have your say! Our consultation document highlights specific areas of our business that we are seeking community feedback on. We also welcome feedback on any other areas of our business and have left space on page 7 for additional comments. The information that supports the consultation document is available at haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz, our service centres and local libraries.

An electronic version of this form can be found at haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz.

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Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro Contact details

Name: Grant Smith

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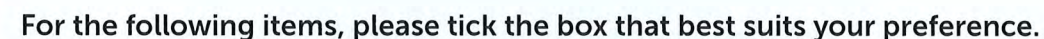
1 Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

Our strategic framework outlines our vision, four strategic priorities and six community outcomes which will help us keep our eye on the big picture, especially when planning for the ten years ahead. We welcome your feedback on our strategic framework which has been shared in detail on page 6 of the consultation document.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Generally happy with the Regional Council's plans - but would like to speak & focus on;

- 1. Passenger Transport (both Bus & Trains).*
- 2. C/Pest Shareholding*
- 3. A25 Regional Economy Plan*
- 4. River Management (esp. Manawatu River from Ashhurst thru to Longburn).*
- 5. Democracy - being available to ratepayer.*



2 highly productive land

For more information on this topic, refer to page 26 of the consultation document.

- ☐ **Option 1**
Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.
 - ☒ **Option 2 - Council's preferred option**
Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.
 - ☐ **Option 3**
Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

**PREFERRED
OPTION**

Summarised comments/sentiment:

3 Issue 2: Planning for the future

For more information on this topic, refer to page 29 of the consultation document.

- ☒ **Option 1 - Council's preferred option**
Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

☐ **Option 2**
Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

PREFERRED OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

The 'No-mans land' Manawatu River scheme butting up to the City (PN) needs a policy or addressing as any weather events & repair/maintenance falls back on PNCC ratepayers, Yet the City is not allowed to touch the river.

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Additional comments:

Along with the issues we have listed above, we welcome your feedback on all areas of our business.

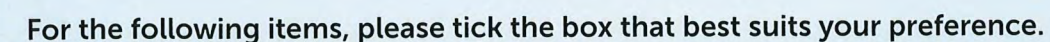


Revenue and Financing Policy

Council is proposing some changes to the way it funds some of its activities and to how it uses revenue from its investment activity. Examples of this include changes to the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) and the funding model for Horizons' 11 river and drainage schemes. Please share your thoughts with us on our changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy.

For more information on this issue, refer to page 47 and 48 of this document and page 247 of the Supporting Information.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

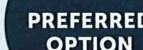
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Issue 3a: Updates to our operational areas – increase to river management insurances

For more information on this topic, refer to page 32 and 33 of the consultation document.



Option 2 – Councils preferred option:
Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.



Option 2:
Claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons.



Claim up to \$500 million per event alongside other councils.

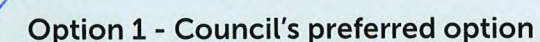


No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Issue 3b: Updates to our operational areas – reduced levels of service for freshwater activity

For more information on this topic, refer to page 34 and 35 of the consultation document.



Option 1 – Council's preferred option
Return to pre-Jobs for Nature funding levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.



A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.



A target of 110 kilometres of fencing and 240,000 plants plus two staff members.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

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Issue 3c: Updates to our operational areas – increased levels of service for public transport – Whanganui improvements

For more information on this topic, refer to page 36 and 37 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

Whanganui public transport improvements staged, full implementation by 2028-29.

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Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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New services for Horowhenua

For more information on this topic, refer to page 38 and 39 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.

PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

8

New and improved regional services

For more information on this topic, refer to page 40 and 41 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

New and improved regional services.

PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Issue 4: Changing fee structure for water meters

For more information on this topic, refer to page 42 and 43 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.

PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q1

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

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Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

Q12

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Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

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Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q19	Give us your thoughts:
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Q20	Your name
Short Text	Christine Moriarty
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**Submission of Horowhenua District Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc.
(HDRRA)**

Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long Term Plan

HDRRA represents approximately 350 members in the Horowhenua region.

In the Chair's opening statement, we dispute the fact that increased cost is primarily due to inflation. (12.9% is not inflation.)

We are concerned that HRC is changing its process of regulation into a new one plan when we feel the old one plan was not complied with due to a lack of staffing. This needs to be rectified.

Our answers to our questions about several studies should be to focus on the environment rather than the project.

WECA believe HRC has changed the direction of waterways to allow more farming which requires bigger stop banks. Because of potential global warming, HRC suggest these need to be strengthened and over-insured. Residents have paid for holes to be dug in the first place. Now you want us to jump into by paying more rates. When does it end?

It is our understanding that residential ratepayers in the main are paying for environmental damage in rural areas. Urban residents should not be subsidising the businesses (including land/housing development and farms).

Sustainable land use in this initiative p20. Land erosion on farms and towns, and the mapping work to do that initiative, is all the responsibility of rural landowners. A per property SUIP for the whole region indicates that urban ratepayers are subsidising farming business. This is not equitable and user pays principles should apply.

Regional pest management (P 23) is similar to the above where bio security is being financed mainly by urban ratepayers for the benefit of rural owners.

P26: National policy statement for highly productive land 2022. We applaud the need for mapping to make certain that people are safe in their places of residence and not building on productive arable land.

We believe that mapping for demand of growth and rural lifestyle block subdivision is a process for land developers. By having ratepayers pay for this mapping, we are subsidising the business interests of those people who will make a taxable profit from the works. To facilitate that, HRC needs to develop a Development Contributions Policy for urban expansion, rural and lifestyle block subdivisions.

Issue 2 planning for the future. Existing staff have the understanding of what is required and therefore should be doing this job rather than introducing new staff who have no organisational experience culture. Current staff know the issues: future staff have to be trained by current staff. That's double dipping.

Issue 3a - Increase to river management insurances. Insurance is a game: the more you have, the more you worry about losing what you have. Insurance premiums are profitable for

insurance company shareholders. Insurance premiums could be diverted to a locally resourced fund to be used in the event of disaster.

Issue 3B: Freshwater activities. HRC, we believe, has been conspicuous by their absence in producing and requiring resource consents and in monitoring and compliance with those resource consents for freshwater activities and the surrounding environment.

The Horowhenua region has large land areas in arable food production. Excess nutrients now flow into the waterways which add to the nutrient flow in Lake Horowhenua and subsequent pollution of Hokio stream and the Hokio Beach environment. Non-compliance or no resource consent conditions allow polluters to make profit at the expense of the environment. This in our opinion is simply not good enough.

HRC have been conspicuous in their absence from regulating HDC's stormwater run-off in both urban and rural (market garden) properties. HDRRA demands that staff use the big stick to enforce regulations.

We note that Dr Mike Joy (VUW) has stated that fencing and riparian planting around waterways from 1 m wide, are like cleaning up spilt milk with a cotton bud. How effective is that? Land management plans for all land 4 ha in area and above must have a waterways management system for all drains to protect the region's freshwater life.

Issue 3C: Level of service of public transport.

It's a human right to have public transport in an area: Levin and Horowhenua have minimal public transport. Focusing on providing wider public transport in the Horowhenua is essential. HDRRA recommends Option 1. Horowhenua-wide public transport services would mean residents in outlying districts can get to the doctor, the shops, the central services needed by them.

Public transport linking to an improved rail service would benefit the whole region.

Issue 4: Water meters.

We agree that user pays 100% for the service provided at 800 locations by HRC is based on a user pays funding process. Further to a \$750 fixed annual charge, we believe bore owners should pay a charge for every litre drawn from the aquifer.

Centre point shareholding (p44): Shares should be sold and the revenue gained diverted to disaster relief funding.

Revenue and financing policy feedback: We agree the change to a general rate from a UAGC great.

The Hokio Beach drainage scheme was enlarged to connect farming and market garden properties near State Highway 1. Local residents are enraged that they pay for a scheme

that benefits other businesses and brings the contamination to the Hokio stream more rapidly.

Christine Moriarty

Chair HDRRA

20 May 2024

Q1

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Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

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Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Need transport into other suburbs like the successful Tide because
 * Frequent every 20 mins so convenient with no long waiting for bus *good clear route need modifying for more convenience *Early and late services suit work, socialising, shopping *through connection of suburbs with no transfer at Trafalger Square *wheel chair, pushchair and walker access *comfortable , low windows for view, colourful decor, * helpful drivers * bus shelters and clear information re service

N.B Routes need a few diversions for people to access with no long walk to a bus stop

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Summarised

Q13

Long Text

comments/sentiment:

Access to as many people as possible.
 Levin needs public transport to include those not using a car

Q14**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): New and improved regional services.

Q15**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Improved access to an integrated public transport is essential now and for the future.

Integration of bus, rail and ferry essential for convenience and comfort.

Timing of buses to suit connecting with rail/ferry and

car parking facilities important.

E.G The bus from Whanganui to PN about 8.15 needs to stop at the PN railway station to connect with the

Northerner. Maybe it does now. Also the timing may make catching the Northerner tricky. i know the rail is

expensive so something must be done to make it accessible to locals not only visitors.

Q16**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Q17**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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Q18**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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Q19**Give us your thoughts:**

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Q20**Your name**

Short Text

Judith Robinson

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Judith Robinson

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Single Checkbox

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Q30 **I will speak in**

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Q31 **File upload**

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Q1

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

The rates increases are not justified. There is a high level of wastage in Horizons spending which if trimmed back would accommodate all the extras that the council wish to accomplish. Horizons should be compelled just like the Central Govt departments to decrease expenditure by 6-7% and maintain service. Increasing the General Rate while decreasing the UAG is a cynical move to increase revenue that mostly benefits non-rate paying inhabitants of the region. It should not be allowed to go ahead. A better solution would be a poll tax on every person over the age of 21 in the region

Q2

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Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Targeted mapping on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

Q3

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

The highly productive land maps can be obtained from the S maps service and then district councils who actually create zoning and do building/subdivision consents should work with these to protect highly productive land on the town boundaries

Q4

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Q5

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

GET OUT OF THE WAY! Councils function should be to make it as easy as possible for catchment inhabitants to form their own catchment groups to work on their own integrated plans that suit their communities. For sure Horizons should provide a minimum level of facilitation and information on central Govt regulations. As and when the River plans are updated then they should be done so with input, that is actually used, from recognized catchment care groups

Q6

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Option 4: No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Q7

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Horizons should look in the first instance to maintain cover in the same relative amount to assets as in 2018 ie approx 25% of assets, so somewhere around \$250m.
Horizons should look at through the MWLASS coy insuring itself and buying reinsurance direct from Lloyds or another recognized re-insurer to check on whether this would be a cheaper/better option. (see Seeka crop insurance model)
Also via a cheaper buying re-insurance directly model individual landowners could be offered a natural disasters insurance package they could use to top up with, which could help reduce the Councils exposure.
Your science/analytical guys should be providing information based on past flood events on what has been learned, the volume of soil/gravel/substrate effected and how best to cope in the future. From a river frontage landowners point of view past responses seem to be haphazard and ill conceived.

Q8

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

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Which option do you prefer?

Q10

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Option 2: Whanganui public transport improvements staged, full implementation by 2028-29.

Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

While public transport should be improved it has to be sensible: it is no good running 40 seater buses to/from/in Whanganui if a mini bus would carry all the demand. Please do not purchase electric vehicle until the fleet replacement & running costs are the same as internal combustion engines. The costs of end of life Lithium batteries need to be taken into account as well

Q12 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q14 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Work in with central Govt on this

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

While in principle I support user-pays there are some caveats in this instance. Firstly the information derived from water meters firstly is held by Horizons and they are able to aggregate the data and use it to expand the knowledge base around water for the betterment of all the regions inhabitants. So on this basis there is an argument for everyone paying for a share of the water meter network. Secondly Horizons has a monopoly on providing the telemetry and the data accumulation service. My observations are that the money expended in this area has huge waste associated with it. For example why do two people come to check water meters and the telemetry when one person could quite easily do the job (please do not cite health & safety concerns here as that should not be a factor - make sure sole operators have working personal locator beacons). In addition why do operators have to always travel in 4wd utes when in nearly all cases a 2wd ute would suffice and save money.

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Increasing the General Rate and decreasing the UAGC is a cynical ploy to increase revenue but appeal to rate payers who historically have not paid high rates in \$ terms. It should not go ahead in any circumstances. If anything the UAGC should be increased right up to the 30% allowed as this is the fairest way under present regulations of a greater number of ratepayers paying a more equitable amount for the benefits they receive. As a rural ratepayer I get virtually no benefit from the General Rate whereas town dwellers get the benefits of the public transport expenditure for example.

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text


There is a level of wasteful spending in Horizons which is out of control and it needs to be reined in before you contemplate rates increases.

1. Why are two people sent to do a job when one person could easily do it?
2. Why are 4wd utes used when 2wd utes could be used?
3. Why are contractors machines moved around the region with no rhyme or reason just increasing re-location costs?
4. Why is there any work going on with the freshwater rules when the current Govt is taking a pause and coming up with a new plan?
5. Why did you expend money doing the scaremongering series of roadshows on freshwater late in 2023 after the Govt had changed?
6. Why are you not pushing back at the stupid/ill conceived compliance rules coming from central Govt
7. Why are you not searching for ways to reduce compliance costs and consents charges? And dont say you are because a \$20,000 to \$30,000 consent cost to take water from a shallow bore is just extortionist when in reality \$1000-\$5000 should be plenty.
8. Why are you using climate change models and increasing the cost of analysis and potential actual costs for freshwater improvement actions when there is so little confidence in any one climate scenario actually being right?
8. Why are you contemplating extra expenditure on the website outside of normal IT expenditure?
9. It seems like the whole operational ethos at Horizons is about making it bigger every year and because you are able to push through rates increases every year there is no real discipline on spending

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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:
Palmerston North City Council Submission on the Horizons Regional Council's Long-term Plan 2024-34 which includes responses on: Flood Protection and River Management, Changing the fee structure for water meters, Regional Land Transport Plan, Civil Defense and Emergency Management and Public Transport.

Which option do you prefer?

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Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q19	Give us your thoughts:	
Long Text		
Q20	Your name	
Short Text	Mayor Grant Smith	
Q21	Organisation:	
Short Text	Palmerston North City Council	
Q22	Address	
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Q23	Postcode	
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Email		
Q25	Phone	number
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Short Text	Mayor Grant Smith	
Q27	I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.	
Single Checkbox	Yes	
Q28	Tick your preferred speaking session.	
Multi Choice	Palmerston North - 1 May - evening: 1pm - 8pm	
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Multi Choice	In-person	
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22 April 2024



Palmerston North City Council Submission on the Horizons Regional Council's Long-term Plan 2024-34

Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) thanks Horizons Regional Council (HRC) for the opportunity to comment on your proposed LTP.

I would like to appear at a hearing to present our submission to you. I am available between 3.30pm and 5.30pm on Wednesday 1 May 2024. I trust you can schedule a suitable time for us to discuss our submission.

Flood Protection and River Management

Regarding the Horizons stopbank network, we understand there is no LTP programmes or plans to upgrade the stopbank for the Ashhurst Stream from 1 in 100-year protection to 1 in 200-year protection. However, we have identified Ashhurst for future greenfield growth and are aware that the Horizons One Plan does not support development in areas with less than 1 in 200-year protection. We would also like to make Horizons Regional Council aware that there is demand for homes in this area and some landowners have expressed interest in applying for a non-complying resource consents for subdivision.

Also, many residents talk to us about metal build up in the River at Ashhurst and at the Esplanade between the two bridges. This is pushing the River towards the City stopbank infrastructure and may present a significant risk when we have a big flood event. This type of river management requires specialist expertise which you have, and we consider this is your responsibility. However, it appears you expect us to address this issue. Hence it is currently in 'no man's land'. We need to resolve this.

We would appreciate if Horizons Regional Council would consider upgrading the level of protection of the stopbank in the Ashhurst Stream catchment and consider increasing protection for the Ashhurst community.

Along there is a build-up of gravel in the River at Ashhurst and the Esplanade that may be putting the river stopbanks at risk. We consider this is an area that you have the responsibility and expertise to address.

Changing the fee structure for water meters

We do not object in principle to this change, however, we already pay an annual consent fee for all water abstractions. It was our understanding that this fee covered administration of the abstraction consent, including data management.

If this new fee is for work over and above what is already managed, we suggest it could be included in the existing annual fee as a separate line item.

This would prevent double administration handling of multiple invoices for the multiple abstraction consents.

Regional Land Transport Plan

We thank Horizons Regional Council for their work on the Regional Land Transport Plan and the leadership shown to move a motion to rank the Palmerston North Integrated Transport Initiative (PNITI), which includes the Manawātū Regional Freight Ring Road, as the first equal regional priority. The recently released State Highway Investment Plan includes funding for the Business Case for the Manawātū Regional Freight Ring Road. We look forward to working with Horizons and NZTA Waka Kotahi on this project.

Civil Defence and Emergency Management

We support the proposed increase in funding and staffing for Civil Defence and Emergency Management in the Region.

Public Transport

We congratulate and thank Horizons Regional Council for its efforts in delivering the new Palmerston North bus network. We have heard some positive feedback about the network since it became operational, and we look forward to seeing the uptake of the network grow. We also look forward to continuing to work with you through the Palmerston North Public Transport Governance Group to support and further grow the network. We look forward to exploring options for our communities of Linton and Longburn, which do not have any public transport services and raised this during the shortfall during the previous network review.

We are generally supportive of Horizons Regional Council work to grow public transport regionally. We are supportive of increased regional connections, especially to and from Palmerston North.

We support the proposed improvements to the Capital Connection passenger rail services.

As the largest city in the region, the City welcomes visitors from around the region daily. Primarily, these visitors travel via private vehicles, which increases congestion in the city and increases the demand for car parking. Improved public transport

connections will enable more visitors to choose to leave their vehicles at home, reducing this pressure. In addition, it will support more visitors to the city by giving access to people who might not have access to a private vehicle.

Thank you once again for this opportunity

Grant Smith | Mayor | JP

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Horizons Regional Council are committed to seeking sustainable solutions for the region's natural resources. The Kaupapa of TACF is to generate sustainable multi-generational community funding through community funds. These are established and grown through local donations invested into local funds. The proceeds from these investments are then available for distribution to the community. Both HRC and TACF cover the same geographical area, and align with their shared vision of community sustainability.

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Summarised comments/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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TACF support Option 1 which does invest in the future and propose that HRC provide/set up a fund (either alone or in partnership with other organisations/interested businesses) with TACF to the value of \$50,000.00 in 2024/25 which would see the investment grow relatively quickly and enable some capacity for early distribution of the interest for prioritised project funding in local communities.

Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

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This issue considers planning around future insurances and cost of infrastructure initiatives for catastrophic events, which at this stage are predicted to increase. TACF support Option 3 – claim up to \$500 million alongside other Councils. The rationale for this is that planning for catastrophic events needs to be able to continue while other current services provided could potentially be reduced or planned initiatives reduced for a period of time to allow funding for these initiatives to be grown through the community fund.

Te Awa Community Foundation and Manawatu-Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management Group have a memorandum of understanding in place already for receiving of donations in the event of a regional emergency and are therefore already working in a committed partnership with HRC.

Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to introduce a sustainable community investment model to HRC for the betterment of the future of the communities we both work with.</p>
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Kate Aplin
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Te Awa Community Foundation
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
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Q24	Email address
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Q25	Phone number
Telephone	
Q26	E-signature
Short Text	Kate Aplin

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Single Checkbox

Yes

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Multi Choice

Palmerston North - 1 May - evening: 1pm - 8pm

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Multi Choice

In-person

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice

English

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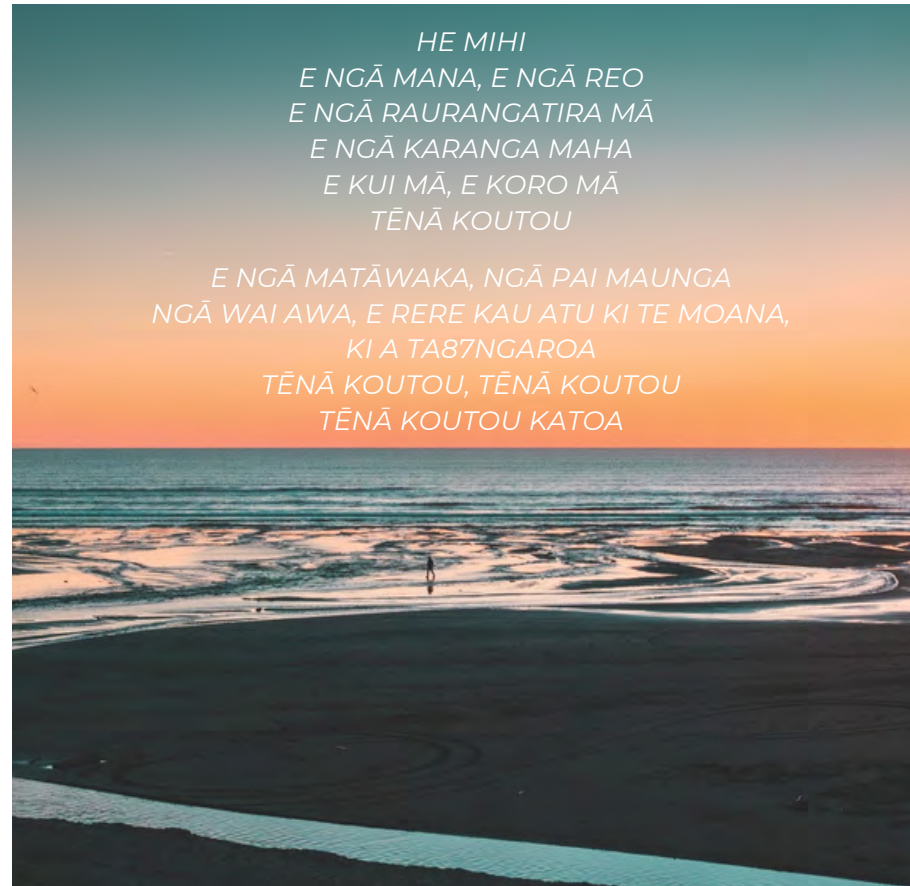
INTRODUCING YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Everyone can make a difference



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ENDORSEMENT



“Community Foundations enable people
to give back to their own communities
and support local projects.”

— Sir Stephen Tindall



Founder and Trustee
Tindall Foundation

OUR PURPOSE

OUR MISSION

Connecting generous people
with causes that matter in
their communities

OUR VISION

Growing sustainable
funds to enhance our
communities for future
generations

OUR GOALS

Sustainable support of
local communities,
donors, supporters and
volunteers

OUR TEAM



Clive Pedley
CHAIR



Andrew McLean
TRUSTEE



Owen Grieg
TRUSTEE



Jasmine Groves
TRUSTEE



Clint Dunstan
AMBASSADOR



Rebecca Coulson
AMBASSADOR



Wayne Macpherson
AMBASSADOR



Paul O'Brien
AMBASSADOR

The operational staff and local volunteer District Committee members are supported by the Board, and Ambassadors 05

OUR SCOPE



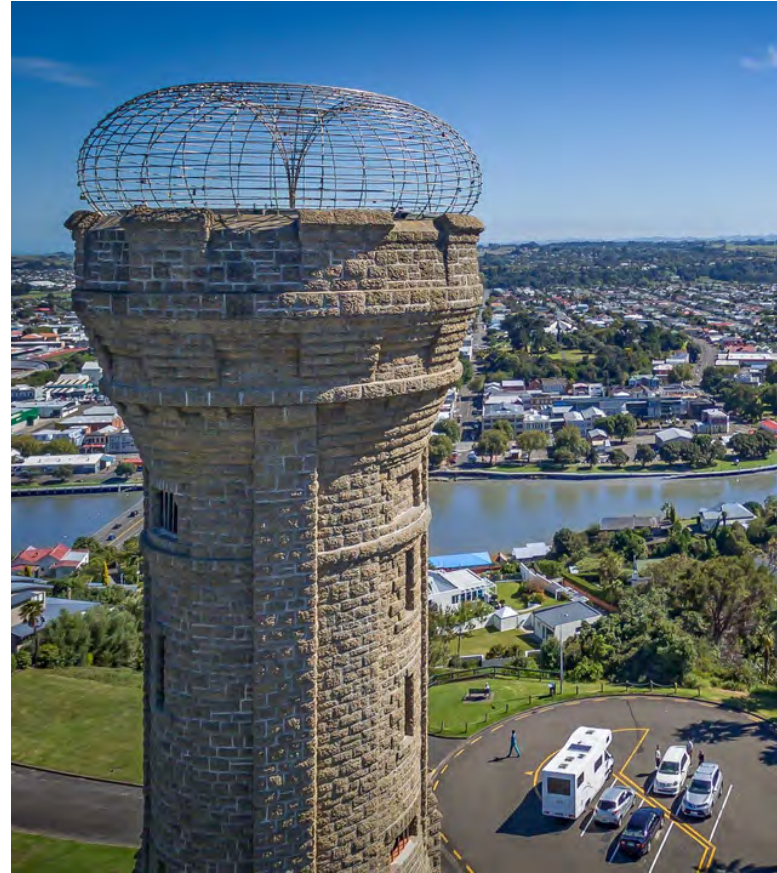
TE AWA - THE STORY

THE COLLECTIVE GOOD

Through New Zealand's Community Foundations over **\$50 million** has been granted to NZ communities in the past five years and today over **\$200 million** has been invested in endowment funds for the future.

Te Awa is the most recent community foundation in New Zealand and is looking to build on this successful model of sustainable intergenerational support for local communities.

Te Awa provides a range of ways to give to great local causes and as funds grow over time the community will benefit from **grant making** opportunities and support for **local projects**.



TE AWA - THE STORY

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Throughout New Zealand there are hundreds of anticipated bequests adding up to many millions of dollars that will be invested for future community transformation.

With our endowment fund model your gift is invested and the interest gained on the gift is given back to the community for charitable purposes.

An endowment is a perpetual gift. The impact on [future generations is boundless.](#)



How an Invested Endowment Fund Works

2003 - The Edna Brown Fund established, giving to healthcare causes locally

**Original gift
\$67,200**



**First established with
a fund balance of \$67,200**

2023 - After 20 years

**Collective total
\$169,091**



**\$93,252
Fund balance** + **\$75,839
Grants
distributed**

2053* - After 50 years

**Collective total
\$344,277**



**\$134,247
Fund balance** + **\$210,030
Grants
distributed**

* Estimated growth rate of 6.5% for future years and an annual distribution of 4%
Thank you to Acorn Foundation for this real example of a live invested endowment fund.

SUCCESSFUL MODEL



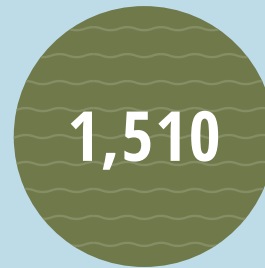
The concept of pooling and investing charitable donations for the good of a local area has been a growing global movement for over a hundred years now.



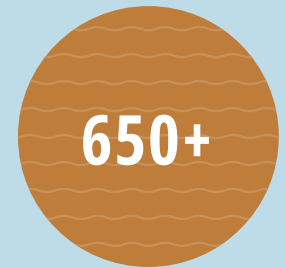
Granted to New Zealand communities in the past year



Invested in managed endowment funds



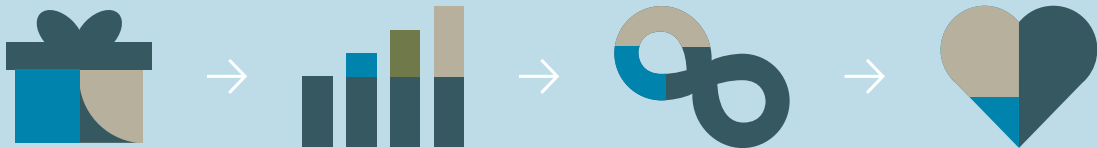
Number of grants made to local communities in the past year



Number of committed bequests for future endowment funds

NB: All figures current June 2023

HOW YOUR GIFT IS GROWN



Your gift is invested and grown and the ongoing income earned goes to the local causes you love.

GIVING MADE SIMPLE



Te Awa provides a variety of giving options designed to make it as easy as possible to give back to your community. We offer flexible solutions designed to meet your charitable goals and provide you with maximum tax benefits.

Named Endowment Funds

When making your will consider giving back to your community or leaving a bequest to your chosen charitable cause.

Donate during your lifetime

Give to a cause you are passionate about and watch the satisfying journey of seeing your gift make an impact in your lifetime.

Transfer of an existing charitable trust

Te Awa Community Foundation can take over the management of existing charitable trusts by creating a perpetual fund within the Foundation.

Community Groups

If you are a charity or community group you can create an endowment fund through Te Awa to ensure you are supported into the future.

Workplace Giving

Giving through your workplace is a great way for employers to enable employees to give back to their local community.

Ask us about our volunteering opportunities

We are always looking for [Te Awa Ambassadors](#) to support our charitable causes.

[Everyone can make a difference!](#)

For Professional Advisers

HOW WE CAN HELP

Are you a professional adviser such as a lawyer, accountant or financial adviser? You are in a unique position to introduce the concept of philanthropy to your clients.

Many people want to give to charitable causes as part of their wealth and estate planning but are not often aware of the options.

Te Awa Community Foundation provides a variety of options for those at any stage of life and can assist you with the resources needed to begin those conversations with your clients.

Contact a team member or email us at support@teawafoundation to receive an Adviser Support Pack.



CONNECT WITH US

Your next step is to connect with one of our local Te Awa Community Foundation team members below:



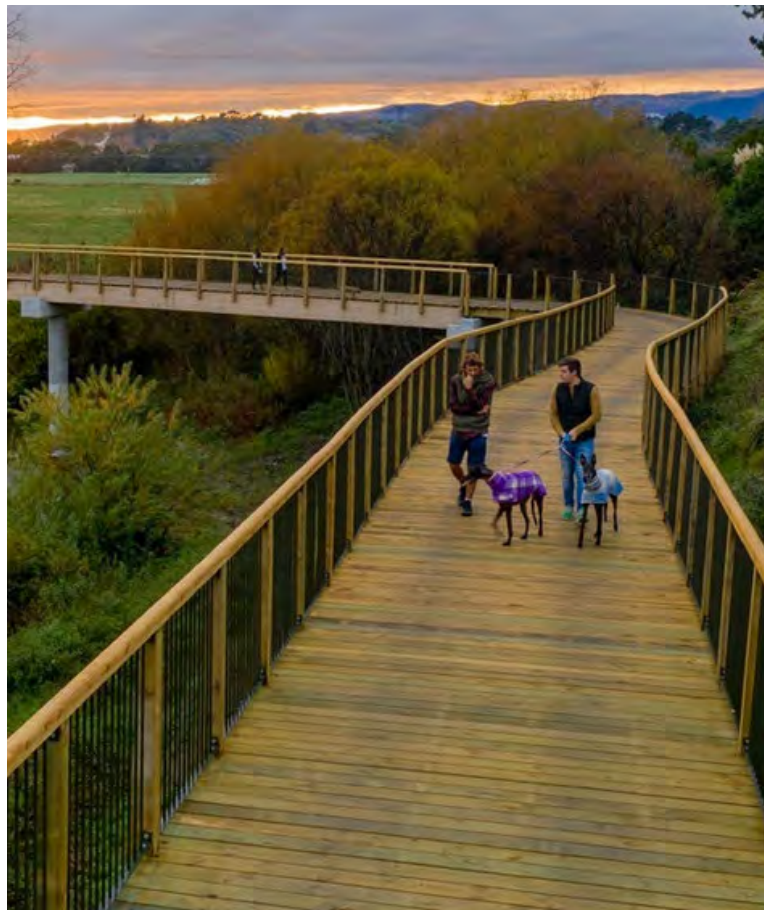
Cat Rikihana
Co-General Manager
catherine@teawafoundation.org.nz



Kate Aplin
Co-General Manager
kate@teawafoundation.org.nz

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instagram.com/teawacommunityfoundation

Join us on social media to keep up with the news around our region and share our content with your networks.



Picture From: Kai Security Fund
See our website for more details about our list of funds.



CONNECTING GENEROUS PEOPLE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

Donate to Te Awa today in
support of your community!

Ngā mihi nui.



Submission to:

Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034

Submitter: Clive Pedley, Chair, for

Te Awa Community Foundation (TACF)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the future of Horizons Regional Council rohe, and the effort put into the consultation process. It is clear that Horizons Regional Council (HRC) are needing to make some very difficult decisions about service and infrastructure continuation.

Horizons Regional Council are committed to seeking sustainable solutions for the region's natural resources. The Kaupapa of TACF is to generate sustainable multi-generational community funding through community funds. These are established and grown through local donations invested into local funds. The proceeds from these investments are then available for distribution to the community. Both HRC and TACF cover the same geographical area, and align with their shared vision of community sustainability.

Te Awa Community Foundation acknowledges the following consultation points, and believe that TACF can support HRC and its communities with long term solutions to these challenges:

1. Issue 2: Planning for the future.

TACF is providing options for sustainable community funding for the long term. The funds are invested and available for distribution to the community through a local District Committee with Mana Whenua at the table in seven District Committees within the HRC rohe.

TACF support Option 1 which does invest in the future and propose that HRC provide/set up a fund (either alone or in partnership with other organisations/interested businesses) with TACF to the value of \$50,000.00 in 2024/25 which would see the investment grow relatively quickly and enable some capacity for early distribution of the interest for prioritised project funding in local communities.

2. Issue 3a and 3b: Increased River Management Insurances, and Reduced Level of Freshwater Activity.

This issue considers planning around future insurances and cost of infrastructure initiatives for catastrophic events, which at this stage are predicted to increase. TACF

support Option 3 – claim up to \$500 million alongside other Councils. The rationale for this is that planning for catastrophic events needs to be able to continue while other current services provided could potentially be reduced or planned initiatives reduced for a period of time to allow funding for these initiatives to be grown through the community fund.

Te Awa Community Foundation and Manawatu-Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management Group have a memorandum of understanding in place already for receiving of donations in the event of a regional emergency and are therefore already working in a committed partnership with HRC.

3. Issue 3b: Review of policies, including investment and funding opportunities.

Te Awa Community Foundation commend HRC for reviewing their investment and funding opportunities and see TACF playing an integral part in HRC ongoing investment and funding opportunities.

By HRC investing in a dedicated community fund the administrative burden of managing trusts and grants will be removed. HRC can also transfer existing trusts to dedicated community funds, thereby reducing their costs immediately in the administration of these trusts. Grant distribution administration will also reduce immediately.

We welcome the opportunity to present this submission in person.

Contact details: Kate Aplin, co General Manager

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

A 20 to 40% increase in rates from changing the rating burden to those with higher capital values will lead to reduced economic activity and councils' long-term ability to fund infrastructure and services leading to a less vibrant community.

I find it unbelievable that this 20 to 40% increase can even be considered for some rate payers. This increase is I find offensive and debilitating.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Protect valuable farming land for production, limit expansion in rural areas where it is costly for water and waste. Or be very upfront and have a user pays system.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 2: Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

I would have thought working on this in-house is already occurring. I cannot see why you need to funds this, people in house need to draw on the knowledge you have. Get the people to be more productive and stop having to actually fund a change. Just do it with the money you have.

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Option 4: No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

No change until consulted on a case-by-case basis with the river and drainage schemes committees and ratepayers.

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Save money.

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

N/A

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

N/A

Q14	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)
Q15	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	The user needs to pay for this.
Q16	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	Option 1 (council's preferred option: Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.
Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	<p>I do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation.</p> <p>We believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.</p> <p>I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.</p> <p>I do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out</p>
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	<p>The LTP has significant rating changes proposed, shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another. We do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates. I do not believe the short consultation period as required by the LTP is a sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.</p>
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Kathryn Wells
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	PR Tanner Inheritance Trust
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
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Q27	I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.
Single Checkbox	

Q28 **Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

Q29 **How do you want to speak?**

Multi Choice

Q30 **I will speak in**

Multi Choice

Q31 **File upload**

File Upload

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Our Shannon Community-Led Development Group had opinions between options 2 and 3. Where we felt option 2 best suit Horowhenua District, Option 3 was more apt to Shannon as a village

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 2: A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Our Shannon Community-Led Development Group chose not to respond to this question as this concerns Wanganui residents who in our opinion should led this discussion

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Our Shannon Community-Led Development Group which represents Shannon community members believe that provisions will be with the HDC - LTP

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): New and improved regional services.

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option: Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Our Shannon Community-Led Development Group believe being consistent in this area is important. User pays better reflects use. However there will be on a case by case that this is not equitable and recommend a review process be implemented and aligned to this option

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Our Shannon Community-Led Development Group could not find agreement amongst the discussion and therefore did not have a position on changes to the current policy

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Stuart Smith

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Shannon Community-Led Development Group

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Stuart Smith

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Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Submitting on behalf of customer, please see attached

Q2

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HAVE
YOUR SAY

Have your say! Our consultation document highlights specific areas of our business that we are seeking community feedback on. We also welcome feedback on any other areas of our business and have left space on page 7 for additional comments. The information that supports the consultation document is available at haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz, our service centres and local libraries.

An electronic version of this form can be found at haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz.

Please include your name, main contact phone number, full address, postcode, and email address on the last page of this form, and indicate whether you would like to speak to your submission (in either English, Māori or New Zealand Sign Language) at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

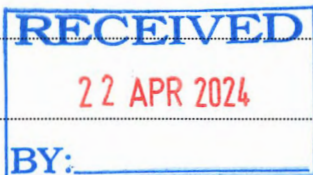
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Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

Our strategic framework outlines our vision, four strategic priorities and six community outcomes which will help us keep our eye on the big picture, especially when planning for the ten years ahead. We welcome your feedback on our strategic framework which has been shared in detail on page 6 of the consultation document.

Summarised comments/sentiment:





For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

2

Issue 1: Responding to legislative requirements – level of service for highly productive land

For more information on this topic, refer to page 26 of the consultation document.

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Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

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Option 2 - Council's preferred option

Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.


**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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Option 3

Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

3

Issue 2: Planning for the future

For more information on this topic, refer to page 29 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.


**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

4

Issue 3a: Updates to our operational areas – increase to river management insurances

For more information on this topic, refer to page 32 and 33 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.



PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

Claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons.

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Option 3

Claim up to \$500 million per event alongside other councils.

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Option 4

No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

5

Issue 3b: Updates to our operational areas – reduced levels of service for freshwater activity

For more information on this topic, refer to page 34 and 35 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Return to pre-Jobs for Nature funding levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.



PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.

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Option 3

A target of 110 kilometres of fencing and 240,000 plants plus two staff members.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

6

Issue 3c: Updates to our operational areas – increased levels of service for public transport – Whanganui improvements

For more information on this topic, refer to page 36 and 37 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.



PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

Whanganui public transport improvements staged, full implementation by 2028-29.

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Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

7

New services for Horowhenua

For more information on this topic, refer to page 38 and 39 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.



PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

8

New and improved regional services

For more information on this topic, refer to page 40 and 41 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

New and improved regional services.

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Option 2

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).



PREFERRED
OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

9

Issue 4: Changing fee structure for water meters

For more information on this topic, refer to page 42 and 43 of the consultation document.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.

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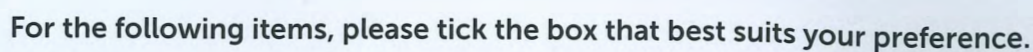
Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.



PREFERRED
OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:



Revenue and Financing Policy

Council is proposing some changes to the way it funds some of its activities and to how it uses revenue from its investment activity. Examples of this include changes to the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) and the funding model for Horizons' 11 river and drainage schemes. Please share your thoughts with us on our changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy.

For more information on this issue, refer to page 47 and 48 of this document and page 247 of the Supporting Information.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Additional comments:

Along with the issues we have listed above, we welcome your feedback on all areas of our business.

HAVE
YOUR SAY

Have your say
and let us know if
we have got it right
by completing this
submission form and
returning it back to us
by **5pm, 22 April
2024.**

- Our preferred option is for submissions to be made online at **haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz**
- Or, by emailing your submission to **haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz**
Please note that email attachments must be under 25 MB total to be received by our server. Submissions will be confirmed by an email auto reply.
- Or, by using this form, or writing us a letter, and posting it to:
**Freepost 247615, Horizons Regional Council
Private Bag 11025, Manawātū Mail Centre, Palmerston North**
- Or, by dropping it off to one of our service centres in Whanganui, Woodville, Marton and Palmerston North

Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro Contact details

Name: JANGO

Organisation: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: h Phone: 02

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- ☒ I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between **29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.**

Tick preferred speaking session. We will be in touch to confirm your time.

- ☒ Whanganui - 29 April - morning (9:30am - 12:30pm, in person only)
- ☐ Whanganui - 29 April - afternoon (1:15pm - 3:15pm, in person only)
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|--|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palmerston North - 1 May (1:00pm - 8:00pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> speak to my submission in-person | <input type="checkbox"/> by Zoom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palmerston North - 2 May (9:30am - 12:30pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> speak to my submission in-person | <input type="checkbox"/> by Zoom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palmerston North - 2 May (1:15pm - 5:00pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> speak to my submission in-person | <input type="checkbox"/> by Zoom |

I will speak in:

- ☐ English ☐ Māori ☐ New Zealand Sign Language

Signature: _____

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

20 to 40% increase in rates from changing the rating burden to those with higher capital values will lead to reduced economic activity and councils' long-term ability to fund infrastructure and services leading to a less vibrant community.

As a future farmer I feel gutted and depressed to see such an increase.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 2: Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Option 4: No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Consultation required

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Save money

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

N/A

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

N/A

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text Users pay

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice Option 1 (council's preferred option): Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text Users Pay

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text We do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation.
I believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.
I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.
I do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text The LTP has significant rating changes proposed, shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another. I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.
I do not believe the short consultation period as required by the LTP is a sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.

Q20 Your name

Short Text William Wells

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text Beneficiary of the Lansdale Trust

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text W Wells

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 **Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

Q29 **How do you want to speak?**

Multi Choice

Q30 **I will speak in**

Multi Choice

Q31 **File upload**

File Upload

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Q1

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Increasing urbanization and related infrastructure requirements will result in a large demand for aggregate products that are necessary base material for hard infrastructure. Highly Productive Land Use designations are currently extremely limiting for the required expansion and establishment of aggregate quarries. We support the Regional Council increasing the mapping for land use classes such that communities may be provided the opportunity to secure their required resources in local and cost-efficient locations to support the required growth areas by identifying areas of potential resource.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

We believe there is additional opportunity for council to work with local business to support positive catchment outcomes, in particular supporting maintenance of river-bad levels to reduce flood and erosion risk by targeted river-gravel extraction.

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

We support the investment into insurances for river management assets for use in the case of catastrophic events.

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 2: A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

We support some maintenance of additional fencing and riparian planting to support the health of our regions waterways.

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

We support the investment into improved infrastructure for transport.

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

We support the investment into improved transport options for the region.

Q14

Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): New and improved regional services.

Q15

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

We support the investment into improvements for the regional transport infrastructure

Q16

Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Q17

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19

Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20

Your name

Short Text

Alice King

Q21

Organisation:

Short Text

Byfords Construction Ltd 2014

Q22

Address

Short Text

Q23

Postcode

Short Text

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Email address

Email

Q25

Phone number

Telephone

Q26

E-signature

Short Text

Alice King

Q27

I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28

Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29

How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30

I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31

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File Upload

Q1

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

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Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

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Q5

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment: Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

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Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q8

Multi Choice

Q9

Long Text

Q10

Multi Choice

Q11

Long Text

Q12

Multi Choice

Q13

Long Text

Q14

Multi Choice

Q15

Long Text

Q16	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	
Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Brett Russell
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Manawatu Estuary Management Team
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
Short Text	
Q24	Email address
Email	
Q25	Phone number
Telephone	
Q26	E-signature
Short Text	Brett Russell
Q27	I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.
Single Checkbox	Yes
Q28	Tick your preferred speaking session.
Multi Choice	Palmerston North - 1 May - evening: 1pm - 8pm
Q29	How do you want to speak?
Multi Choice	In-person
Q30	I will speak in
Multi Choice	English
Q31	File upload
File Upload	https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/download_file/452

HRC Long Term Plan Submission 2024

Organisation Details:

Manawatū Estuary Management Team (MEMT)

Contact Details:

Brett Russell – Chairman

Email: [REDACTED]

Request to speak: Yes

Kia ora koutou,

This submission is made on behalf of the Manawatū Estuary Management Team which comprises community members, hapu and concerned community groups including:

- Manawatū Estuary Trust
- Forest and Bird
- Foxton Beach Progressive Association Incorporated
- Wildlife Foxton Trust
- Save Our River Trust (SORT)
- New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association and Cross Country Vehicle Club
- Raukawa

who meet regularly to review issues and options for their resolution which directly impact the environment of our Manawatū Estuary Ramsar site and our Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves to try and ensure the biodiversity it supports is thriving. However, in many cases the environment, bird, fish, insects, fauna and flora are under extreme pressure and disappearing. Furthermore on our journey, statutory managers and community groups working together, seek not just to resolve the environmental challenges but also about, particularly with help from local iwi, the restoration of the mana of the people and the Manawatū River, the Ramsar site and the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves.

Since the start of 2023 we have been holding workshops every two months as we work to revise and update two pivotal documents which relate directly to our Ramsar site and Coastal Reserves: the *Manawatū Estuary Management Plan 2015-2025* prepared by DOC, and the *Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves Management Plan*, prepared by the HDC and approved in 2009.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our organisation's thoughts to guide your work for robust Community outcomes for in our case the Horowhenua district.

We are choosing not to comment on all the specific options being consulted on. While all the topics make for challenging decisions, our environment is very much top of our minds and focus in our submission and we are confident it is too for our elected

representatives and council officers. Accordingly we are targeting your second strategic priority area ***Issue 2 - Focusing on the Future***. Our team concurs with a key priority for you in this area “to take a more holistic approach to delivering outcomes such as improved water quality, pest control, and river management”. In particular we request increased attention be given to the Manawatu Estuary. It is imperative this Estuary Ramsar site be sustained, respected and enjoyed as a regional treasure and estuarine ecosystem of international significance. To help ensure that is the case we ask you to please **budget an additional \$100,000 per annum for pest eradication plans and pest and animal control, weed control and associated activities in the Estuary**. Let us now put this in context for you.

There are four main focus points in our submission:

1. Improved management of the natural environment of the Manawatū Estuary.
2. Progressing the stormwater discharge at Foxton Beach to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.
3. The impact of climate change on the Manawatū Estuary Bird Sanctuary (RAMSAR site) and the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserve.
4. A reminder of our request to HRC.

1. The Natural Environment of the Manawatū Estuary

As part of our journey to update the *Manawatū Estuary Management Plan 2015-2025* the team is conducting a series of two monthly workshops. Core to this process are sub-committees which have been set up and which meet in between the two monthly workshops to advance their work in the key areas of:

- Fauna
- Flora
- Weed Management
- Pest and Animal Management
- Community Engagement
- Water Quality

They then report back at the workshops.

Overall the plans are being expedited using an agreed template that identifies activities including Mātauranga Māori, Responsibility, Time bound, Resources needed and cost. They also incorporate measuring success by ensuring plans are specific and realistic and achievable. Once all subcommittee plans have been completed they will then be brought together to help achieve an updated *Manawatū Estuary Management Plan 2025-2035*.

In the meantime many volunteers work hard to protect our taonga with planning, pest plant removal and community planting days and the like.

2. Foxton Beach Stormwater Discharge

The team welcomes ongoing liaison between HRC and the Palmerston North City Council on their waste disposal plans especially given that we receive everything that winds up in the Manawatū River.

It is our understanding that as part of adopting your draft long term plan for community consultation there was an amendment to increase your investment into our iconic Ramsar site here at Foxton Beach by \$100,000 p/a. However, this was debated and voted down. Part of the reason given from some members to vote against this was that the storm water discharge into the estuary environment was not being prioritised by the Horowhenua District Council (HDC). That was an opinion from some. Given these circumstances our Team is making every effort to ensure HDC expedites the Foxton Beach Stormwater Discharge consenting process at the earliest opportunity.

We acknowledge the proposed investment increase from Horizons was intended to focus on pest eradication plans and pest and animal control, weed control and associated activities. It was not related to water quality interventions such as Foxton Beach storm water. However, to put these matters in context on 12 June 2020 Good Earth Matters' (GEA) Annette Sweeney on behalf of the HDC lodged the *Foxton Beach Global Stormwater Discharge Consent* document with your Council. HDC was seeking a consent until 1 July 2038.

In terms of progressing the relevant consent process HDC on their website notes the "Status (of the submission process) as of December 2022:

- Consents are required for Council's stormwater discharges to the Manawatū Estuary.
- An application for consent has been completed.
- Monitoring and engagement with mana whenua is ongoing.
- Ongoing stormwater monitoring to confirm the quality of discharges.
- The ecological effects assessment noted elevated concentrations of zinc, phosphorus and E.Coli in the discharges from some catchments. An investigation programme is ongoing to identify the source and a remedial programme of actions.

What's needed?

- Ongoing engagement with mana whenua.

...(However),

- the application has been put on hold while appropriate mana whenua engagement is completed."

At the 30 October 2023 Te Awahou Foxton Community Board's (TAFCB) meeting GEA's Annette Sweeney on behalf of HDC provided the Board with an update re the Foxton Beach Stormwater Consent Process. Part of her presentation incorporated an "overview of (the) Foxton Beach Stormwater System and Management Objectives" as follows:

- "individual properties required to manage stormwater onsite (not part of Council system)
- Council stormwater system generally services the roading network and public spaces
- HDC Design Standards

- Primary System (pipes and swales): 1 in 10 year (event)
- Secondary System (road corridor and overflow paths): 1 in 100 year event
- 16% increase in rainfall (climate change)
- Historically the system has been managed to avoid minimum flooding of roads and properties. Now need to bring a quality lens to the management of stormwater to protect the receiving environment and give effect to Te Mana o te Wai.”

In terms of next steps she concluded her presentation with the following slide on “Questions and Next Steps:



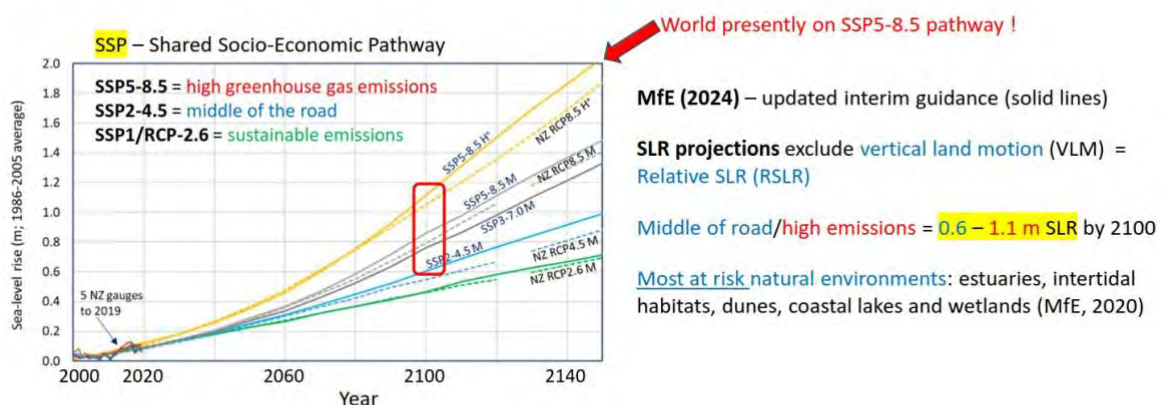
Since then on 18 March 2024 Annette has provided a further update to (HDC) Council Officers. Furthermore, in the TAFB’s Agenda papers it was mentioned “the (HDC) Website will be updated on 12 April 2024.” Unfortunately at the time of writing, this updating has NOT OCCURRED!!

Like HRC, HDC is a Statutory Manager of the Ramsar site and legally must act responsibly in all aspects of all environmental issues. We have therefore **recommended that an immediate action for HDC in their LTP process is to work with HRC to finalise the Foxton Beach Stormwater Discharge process at the earliest opportunity.**

3. The impact of climate change on the Manawatū Estuary Bird Sanctuary (RAMSAR site) and the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves

The following slides are provided to give an indication as to why the continued work on our coastal reserves needs more investment from HDC alongside the water quality issues associated with stormwater.

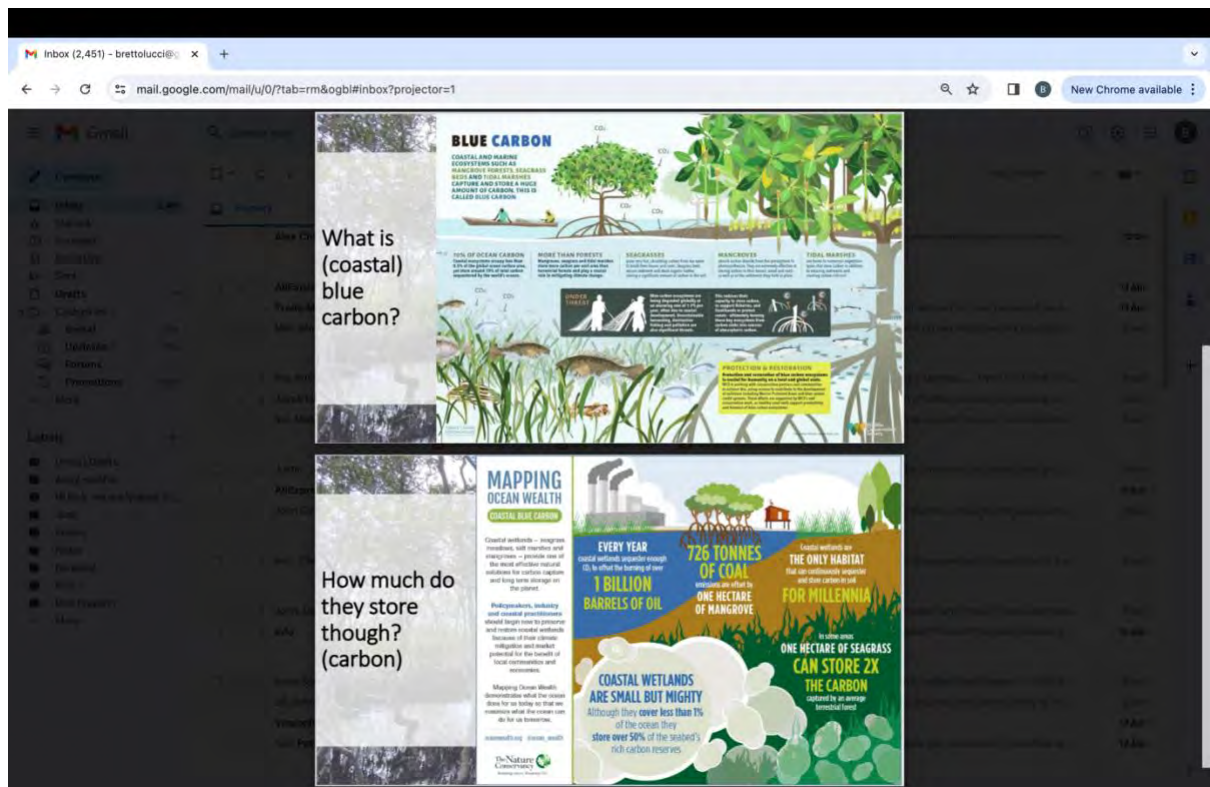
Sea level rise - Aotearoa



Sources:

MfE (2024) Interim guidance on the use of new SLR projections
MfE (2020) National Climate Change Risk Assessment for NZ





Due to circumstances beyond our control the NIWA slides on sea level rise/blue carbon are pretty small and not very legible. Enlarging them helps, but below are links to the original talks in which they feature:

https://www.coastalrestorationtrust.org.nz/site/assets/files/2417/andrew_swales.pdf

https://www.coastalrestorationtrust.org.nz/site/assets/files/2417/phoebe_stewart-sinclair.pdf

and both of these can be found from:

<https://www.coastalrestorationtrust.org.nz/news/annual-conference/k-whia-2024/>

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It is imperative this Estuary Ramsar site be sustained, respected and enjoyed as a regional treasure and estuarine ecosystem of international significance. To help ensure that is the case we ask you to please **budget an additional \$100,000 per annum pest eradication plans and pest and animal control, weed control and associated activities in the Estuary.**

"Ki te ora te wai - if the water is healthy
 Ka ora te whenua - The land will be nourished
 Ka ora te tangata - The people will prosper"

We do wish to speak in support of our submission when the opportunity arises.

Nga mihi

Brett Russell
Chairman
Manawatū Estuary Management Team



Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Make a rule to enable easy establishment of cooperative living properties in areas without highly productive land.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 3: A target of 110 kilometres of fencing and 240,000 plants plus two staff members.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Our freshwater systems are already highly degraded and increasing biodiversity while reducing nitrogen run off is only one of many steps needed to repair these vital ecosystems.

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Whanganui has its biggest opportunity for public transport in 30 years in the 2024-34 Horizons Long Term Plan consultation. With two projects; a new, Ridership-focused bus network for Whanganui, and new regional services, Whanganui can return to public transport that is direct, frequent, well-used, competitive with our neighbours, and which also allows real travel options to and from Wellington, Palmy, New Plymouth.

- Direct, frequent buses for our main areas, in a network designed for high ridership.
- A 3-hour journey to Wellington, by bus and train, with multiple services a day
- Multiple return services a day to Palmerston North and Marton.

Whanganui once had one of New Zealand's best public transport networks. But since 1991, it has seen less than a third of the per person investment of Palmerston North, and less than a seventh of the per person investment of Wellington. This is why most of our buses run only every 2 hours.

Te Ngaru The Tide - with 20 minute frequency, has brought the Ridership approach back to Whanganui on one route. In January last year, the last month before The Tide, there were 5739 boardings on all urban buses. This January, there were 12361, and 8114 of them came from The Tide.

In Whanganui, our public transport use has doubled in one year, and more than half our riders are travelling on one, Ridership-style route, while the other half are coming from eight, 2-hourly Coverage routes.

But The Tide is just one route. Returning to a network approach, with up to 3 direct, frequent routes, and some hourly routes, could see us more than double use again, back to 1991 levels - when Greyhound buses took 430 000 boardings a year.

Option 1 will still see us spend less per person than Palmerston North. But because we have geographic advantages to public transport, Option 1 will be enough to join Palmerston North, Nelson, Queenstown and Waiheke Island, by returning to direct, frequent services in a network designed for high ridership.

It will also see us join Waikato, Taranaki and Greater Wellington in providing direct, regular and affordable services between our cities and towns, including connections to our nearest frequent rail services.

Q12 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q14 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Jamie Ryan

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Jamie

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31 File upload

File Upload

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

It looks good on paper

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Q3

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Make a rule to enable co-operative living properties in areas without highly productive land. This will assist establishment of co operative living spaces, and make them more affordable for those locked out of the housing market.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Option 3: Claim up to \$500 million per event alongside other councils.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 3: A target of 110 kilometres of fencing and 240,000 plants plus two staff members.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Our fresh water systems are already highly degraded. More effort is needed to repair these vital eco systems

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

More, better, reliable public transport options = better for the natural environment (fewer cars) more accessible for those or don't drive or don't own vehicles, more accessible for tourism, more accessible for people in rural areas to access health and wellbeing services or activities. Connecting Whanganui and surrounding areas to bigger cities like Wellington, Palmerston North, is not only affordable but financially beneficial to this region

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): New and improved regional services.

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Kora

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

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Telephone

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Short Text

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Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31

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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

A 20 to 40% increase in rates from changing the rating burden to those with higher capital values will lead to reduced economic activity and councils' long-term ability to fund infrastructure and services leading to a less vibrant community.

This rates increase is another way to disillusion the future farmers of the region.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Target growth in existing areas and go up before you keep going out. Home owners pay for infrastructure not the farmer.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 2: Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Option 4: No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

No change until consulted on a case-by-case basis with the river and drainage schemes committees and ratepayers.

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Save money.

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text User pay system

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice Option 1 (council's preferred option): Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

We do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation.

I believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.

I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

I do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

The LTP has significant rating changes proposed, shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another. I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

I do not believe the short consultation period as required by the LTP is a sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.

Q20 Your name

Short Text Kate Welld

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text Beneficiary of the Lansdale Trust

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

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Short Text K Wells

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Multi Choice

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Q30 **I will speak in**

Multi Choice

Q31 **File upload**

File Upload

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 1: Targeted mapping on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

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Q6

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

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Long Text

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Caroline Ward

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Caroline

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